

Seminar on cooperation with breeders in DUS examination**UPOV/SEM/GE/25/1 Prov.****Geneva, October 22, 2025****Original:** English**Date:** June 19, 2025

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14.30 – 14.40

Welcome and opening remarks*Ms. Yolanda Huerta, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV***SESSION I: OVERVIEW OF COOPERATION WITH BREEDERS IN DUS EXAMINATION FROM DIFFERENT UPOV MEMBERS (ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BREEDERS/PVP OFFICES)***Moderator: Ms. Beate Rücker, Chair, Technical Committee (TC)*

14.40 – 14.50

Moderator – summary of preparatory webinars (on topic of session)

14.50 – 15.30

Panel Discussion*[to be nominated] Plant Breeder's Rights, IP Australia**[to be nominated] Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS), Kenya**Mr. John Oates, Qualified Person, Australia***SESSION II: THE SUSTAINABILITY OF COOPERATION WITH BREEDERS IN DUS EXAMINATION (ASPECTS ON INDEPENDENCE, SELECTION OF SIMILAR VARIETIES, ON-SITE EXAMINATION, PUBLICATION, COSTS)***Moderator: Ms. Minori Hagiwara, Vice-Chair, Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ)*

15.35 – 15.45

Moderator – summary of preparatory webinars (on topic of session)

15.45 – 16.25

Panel Discussion*Mr. Yoshiyuki Ohno, Examiner, Intellectual Property Division, Export and International Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Japan**[to be nominated] Plant Breeders' Rights Office, Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), Canada**[to be nominated] Applicant with experience with Canada*

**SESSION III: BENEFITS, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES
(PVP OFFICES AND THE BREEDERS' PERSPECTIVES)**

*Moderator: Ms. Laura Villamayor, Chair, Administrative and Legal Committee
(CAJ)*

16.25 – 16.35

Moderator – summary of preparatory webinars (on topic of session)

16.35– 17.15

Panel Discussion

*Mr. Christopher Barnaby, PVR Assistant Commissioner, Plant Variety Rights
Office, Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand*

*Mr. Manuel Toro Ugalde, Head of Section, Registry of Protected Varieties,
Seeds and Plants Department, Agricultural and Livestock Service (SAG), Chile*

[to be nominated] Breeders' Perspectives

17.15 – 17.30

Closing remarks

Ms. Yolanda Huerta, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV

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